



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION (ACE) DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS

Guidelines:

1. Standards for Teacher Certification
 - a. In order to qualify as an instructor in driver education, a teacher must hold a valid teaching license. He/She must attend a college approved by ACE to give credit in driver education and complete at least six-semester hours credit in driver education.
 - Driver Education I (2 semester hrs.)
 - Driver Education II (2 semester hrs.)
 - First Aid (2 semester hrs.)

II. Standards for Driver Education Programs for Secondary Schools

- a. Approved Program
 1. Consists of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of behind-the-wheel (BTW) instruction on public streets and highways and six hours of in-the-car observation

A. Standards Relating to Classroom Instruction.

1. Each Student may not be involved in more than two hours of classroom instruction in any 24-hour period of time.
2. Each student must have at least 30 hours of classroom instruction.
3. No more than 30 students may be taught in any classroom setting.
4. The classroom phase of any driver education course or program shall not be completed in less than 15 instructional days.
5. No more than five hours of the 30 hours required for the classroom phase may be devoted to the showing of films.

B. Standards Relating to BTW Instruction.

1. The number of hours BTW instruction required depends on the type of program utilized. However, in no case may a student successfully complete the BTW phase of driver education with less than two hours instruction on public streets and highways.
2. No student may receive more than one hour of BTW instruction in one 24 hour period.
3. No student may complete the BTW phase of instruction in less than 12 instructional days.
4. BTW instruction must be delivered by an ADE/ACE licensed instructor with a valid Arkansas driver's license.

C. Standards Relating to Driver Education Students.

1. Students must be at least 14 years of age and have completed the 8th grade prior to the beginning classroom instruction.
2. Students must obtain and have in their possession a valid learner's permit when receiving BTW instruction on public streets and highways.

D. Standards Relating to Driver Education Instructors.

1. Persons teaching driver education must be properly licensed to teach the course by the Arkansas Department of Education, and hold a valid Arkansas Driver's License.
2. Driver education instructors shall not render any driver education instruction after having taught a total of six hours in any one 24-hour period.

E. Standards Relating to Driver Education Cars.

1. Each driver education car shall be properly equipped with a workable dual control brake for use by the instructor.
2. Each driver education car shall be clearly identified as such by a sign on each side and rear of the car.
3. Each driver education car shall be properly equipped with outside mirrors, one on each side of the car, and one instructor mirror on the inside of the car.
4. Each driver education car shall have an Arkansas State license tag properly attached.
5. Insurance coverage as required by Arkansas State Law.
6. Other standards for Driver Education Cars.

Cars shall be used exclusively for driver education purposes. A maintenance agreement between the dealer and the school district should be entered into. The appearance of the car, both internally and externally, should be clean and neat at all times.